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SUBJECT: UUUC DOUBTS PARTICIPATION IN CONVENTION PHASE TWO.

1. HARRY WEST HEAD OF OFFICIAL UNIONIST PARTY AND OF UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC) GROUPING OFFICIAL UNIONISTS, DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS AND UNITED ULSTER MOVEMENT SAID DEC. 17 IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT UUUC WOULD GO BACK IF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RECALLED. WEST SAID CONVENTION HAD ACCOMPLISHED MISSION AND THAT MINOR TOPICS SUCH AS POLICING AND FINANCE WERE BEING COVERED IN TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE REES. REV. IAN PAISLEY OF DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS ENDORSED WEST STAND.

2. ALLIANCE AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) SPOKESMAN CRITICIZED THIS POSITION. BOB COOPER DEPUTY LEADER ALLIANCE PREDICTED THAT WESTMINSTER WOULD REJECT REPORT AND THEN THOSE IN UUUC SUCH AS PAISLEY AND POWELL WHO FAVORED INTEGRATION OVER DEVOVLVED GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SEPARATED FROM OTHER UNIONISTS. PADDY DEVLIN ECHOED THIS THEME BY CLAIMING THAT WEST ATTITUDE PLAYING INTO HANDS OF INTEGRATIONISTS SUCH AS ENOCH POWELL WHO IS NOT INTERESTED IN NORTHERN IRELAND BUT ONLY WANTED A SAFE SEAT IN WESTMINSTER.
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